

Frankly, I don't think there IS any competition for Instant Traffic & Weather. There is no local radio that will provide actual, real-time, traffic information. The best we can get is every 10-20 minutes. I don't think that paying subscribers should be penalized by taking away a valuable service because the other broadcasters won't or can't provide a similar service. As a resident of one of the worst traffic areas in the country, the Washington, DC metro area, up to the minute traffic information can make the difference between any average bad commute and a truly awful one!

I ask you to please reject the NAB's petition 04-160. If they provided a similar service and XM was unfairly blocking it, I'd understand the problem, but this is fair competition. They should spend their time better, by making themselves more service oriented. If I didn't like the programming on satellite, I could stop paying. Who do I START paying to get programming I like on broadcast radio?

Thank you,
Laurie Bridges
Satisfied satellite customer